

Southeast Meeting Minutes for 10/23/2002

Southeast Fairfax Traffic Task Force
Summary Minutes
Meeting of October 23, 2002
Green Acres School Conference Room 7:00 PM

Chairman Werthman called the meeting to order. There was a review of the measures that were implemented beginning in June of 2001 and members present agreed that the measures were making an improvement in most areas throughout the neighborhood. Some additional items were brought up for additional consideration:

1. An educational campaign along the lines of the "Keep Kids Alive, Drive 25" Traffic Safety Campaign should be considered especially around the Ratcliffe Park area. City public works staff should consult with community relations staff regarding how to mount an effective campaign.
2. At the Sager/Barbour intersection consider
 - a. 3-way stop,
 - b. yield sign
 - c. raised crosswalk
 - d. flashing signs
3. Collect data to support prohibiting turns from University Drive to Armstrong Cleveland and Forest during certain hours.
4. Request that the City Council consider some of the changes to the arterials as suggested in the original task force proposal
5. Consider additional speed humps on Dwight Avenue. Residents have signed a petition requesting this.
6. Consider an additional speed hump on Virginia Street and a diagonal raised crosswalk at the Dwight/Virginia intersection.
7. Place a sign on westbound Main Street warning of the traffic restriction at Orchard and Dwight.
8. Consider constructing better sidewalks along Roberts Road
9. Request that VDOT paint a white edge line along Roberts Road south of the city line.

A police representative was unable to attend the meeting because of the ongoing regional emergency. The task force had the following issues that will be addressed by the Police Chief in the near future:

1. Since many of the folks dropping off and picking up children at the day-care are not from the area, they seem to think the speed limit is 35 mph on Sideburn.
2. Are we seeing any trends in the type of traffic infractions? More speeding? More running red lights, etc?
3. Do the police have records on the number/percentage of speeding infractions on residential streets? Any trends?
4. Any traffic-related injuries within the last year on residential streets?

5. What is occurrence of car theft in the City? Any trends?

6. Do the police have a position on the best way of routing traffic through the City? If given their druthers, how would the police like to see traffic handled within the City?

7. At the intersection of Dwight and Virginia there are many cars, especially during mid-day that appear to be GMU students that do not even stop for the stop sign. More enforcement is needed.

8. While the no left turn from Main Street to Virginia Street is enforced, the other restrictions at Orchard and Dwight in the PM and Roberts and Dwight in the AM are almost never enforced. More enforcement is needed at these locations.

9. On Burke Station Road there are still trucks that are using the street in spite of the no through truck signs. How much enforcement activity has there been in this area?

10. For the purposes of no through trucks enforcement, what is the definition of a "truck"?

No date was set for a follow up meeting. Task force members will correspond by email and select a date as soon as staff responds to the issues noted above.